

PATENT Customer Number 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 08098.0009

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) `
Dennis MENDIOLA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2165
Application No.: 09/846,249) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: May 2, 2001	PEC.
For: INSTANT MESSAGING ACCOUNT SYSTEM	Technology Center 2100
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231	-onter-2100

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph previously inserted on page 1 after the title with the following:

This application claims the benefit of priority from U.S. provisional application number 60/202,864, filed May 10, 2000.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants amend the benefit of priority to remove International Application No. PCT/SG00/00068, filed May 10, 2000. Applicants have attached an Appendix detailing the changes made to the specification in this regard.

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